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Group Art Unit: 2132  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Patent Application of:  
Sako et al.  
Application No.: 10/069,538  
Filed: June 13, 2002  
For: DATA RECORDING METHOD, DATA  
RECORDING DEVICE, AND RECORDING  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated  
December 5, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-86, please amend  
the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: